

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



December 1999 Time Local/ Path Length Path Width Number of Estimated Persons Damage OHIO, North OHZ013>014-023 Geauga - Ashtabula - Trumbull 2000EST 0 0 50K **High Wind** Southwest winds with gusts in excess of 50 mph affected Northeast Ohio late in the afternoon. Many trees and power poles were downed across Trumbull, Ashtabula and Geauga counties. OHZ011>014 Cuyahoga - Lake - Geauga - Ashtabula 0500EST 0700EST 23 24 575K **Heavy Snow** Cold northwest winds blowing across Lake Erie resulted in the development of lake effect snow bands just before sunrise on the 23rd. Heavy snow first fell near the lakeshore in Lake and Ashtabula Counties. Snowfall rates of 2 to 3 inches per hour were observed with total accumulations in these areas of 15 to 25 inches in a little more than 12 hours. Many roads had to be temporarily closed with snarled traffic on roads kept open. Scattered power outages were also reported. The heaviest snow bands shifted to inland sections of Ashtabula County late on the 23rd and finally into Geauga and Cuyahoga counties early on the 24th. Accumulations of 6 to 10 inches were measured over the eastern half of Cuyahoga County with up to a foot of snow in Geauga County. Snow totals across inland sections of Lake and Ashtabula Counties were generally 20 to 24 inches with isolated reports of up to 3 feet. OHZ013>014 Geauga - Ashtabula 1200EST 0000EST 60K 27 28 **Heavy Snow** Lake effect snow bands developed around midday and tapered off late in evening. Snowfall accumulations ranged from 4 to 8 inches in Geauga County and inland portions of Ashtabula County. PENNSYLVANIA, Northwest PAZ001>003 Northern Erie - Southern Erie - Crawford 1200EST O 450K **Heavy Snow** Cold northwest winds blowing across Lake Erie resulted in the development of lake effect snow bands around noon on the 23rd. Heavy snow first fell along the Lake Erie lakeshore, but spread over southern Erie County and all of Crawford County by early on the 24th. Snowfall rates of 2 to 3 inches per hour were observed and many roads had to be temporarily closed with snarled traffic on roads kept open. Scattered power outages were also reported. Snow accumulations generally ranged from one to two feet with 18.7 inches of snow measured officially at Erie International Airport. Cranesville reported 30 inches of accumulation with 26 inches at North East.

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Lake effect snow bands developed around midday and tapered to flurries late in the evening. Snowfall totals were generally 6 to 10 inches with a maximum of 14 inches measured in northern Crawford County.